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EDITORIAL

SHORT-SIGHTED PEOPLE.

In a recent issue, the Citizen tried to point out the fact that the development of any city, town or community in Colfax county was bound to be beneficial to Cimarron in its growth and development. But subsequent to the article referred to, the writer has heard numerous complaints and no little speculation as to the actions and reasons of those, who being already interested in the Cimarron Townsite company, should subsequently start a new town at Colfax. The reasons are manifest to any one who stops to think, and the Citizen believes that the action was not only not harmful to Cimarron and its future, but was, on the other hand, one of the best things that could happen to Cimarron, or any other town in Colfax county. What is a country without towns, and what may any town hope to be without the development of the country around it? The thing that most makes for the development of a country, county or community is that same thing that makes for the development of the towns therein. There can be no farming, manufacturing, or any other community with its living cities and towns where the people who are engaged in such pursuits can trade, ship, produce, and transact their business. Where these cities and towns are to be situated depends upon the resources of the country immediately surrounding them. Colfax is in the heart of a farming community, where about forty thousand acres of rich farming land have been opened up for the settler and purchaser. It is the logical business center for that community, being situated, as it is, on two railroads, and it will aid in the development of that community. If the interests in control of the Cimarron Townsite company had not laid out the town, some one else would have done so. So what in the world is there to complain of? And this question is especially pertinent, because of the fact that the development of a portion of the county so near to us, means the development of Cimarron as well. The truth of this statement has been proven time and again in other parts of the country. The Citizen wonders if these people these short-sighted people, who have been complaining, have ever stopped to consider how much Cimarron would probably amount to if no development in Colfax county should ever take place out side of Cimarron. There must be some extraneous development to living about the results we are all looking forward to. A city is at best but a parasite that gains its life blood from the products of the country which surrounds it. It produces nothing in itself. If the country does not supply the necessities of its inhabitants, the city dweller must ship them in from some other place. Grain is not grown in cities, nor are cattle raised in its borders. The city does not produce gold, copper, coal and lumber. It is the country, which should be developed in order to make the city. Show us a country rich in fertility, in water, in minerals, timber and coal, and we will show you where there will some time be a city, and one that will be a great city in time. There never was a city of any size or prosperity, that was not built up by outside resources. What do you suppose New York, Chicago or St. Louis would have been if no development had taken place in the United States as a whole?

THOSE TREES.

The Citizen has been pounding at every one and trying to induce each and every person in Cimarron to plant trees, until the mere sound of trees must be distasteful to its readers. But this constantly keeping after the same thing is beginning to have its effect. Trees are being planted all over Cimarron, and more are coming. At the present rate, it will not be long before our streets will look something like they should look. The planting of trees is merely a business proposition if you want to look at it that way. Every tree planted enhances the beauty of the place. It makes new corners

think that the inhabitants of Cimarron are progressive people who have pride and faith in their city and in their own property. Every thrifty tree has a money value. When a new corner steps off the train and sees the new park covered with green grass and growing trees, and sees the streets lined with trees, his impression at once becomes favorable, and the first thing he knows he is investing or at least spending a few dollars here in Cimarron. Every tree has a money value, and the Citizen is glad to see that the people are falling in line so nicely.

With the splendid offer that Mr. Webster of the McCormick Ranch has made, no one need fail to plant trees because they are not able to obtain the young trees to plant. Mr. Webster has generously offered to let anyone have trees in any quantities, if they will first ask him for permission to dig them. He insists on this being done, because he wants the trees taken from certain places and left in others.

RUSSIANS TRAPPED

Persian Brigands Reported to Have Surrounded Troops in Swamp

Tiflis, April 20.—An alarming report has just been received here setting forth the critical situation of a small Russian expeditionary force in Persia, which is menaced by a vastly superior body of Persian brigands.

The Russian troops penetrated the frontier in the neighborhood of Bel-esivar in pursuit of Kurdish brigands who had committed depredations in Russian territory.

The Russian commander of the force has sent out a messenger, demanding reinforcements of infantry, artillery and cavalry.

The Persians, who have been joined by a warlike tribe of nomads, surround the Russians with a numerous force, and their horsemen have assumed the offensive.

The sending of Russian reinforcements is made particularly difficult by the flooded condition of the country.

Yesterday the Russians had three men killed and ten wounded in various minor engagements with the Persians.

GLOBE TROTTER OF 85 MARRIES

Colorado Springs, Colo., April 20.—As a booster for the cause of matrimony, Colorado Springs comes to the front as champion. Aged 85 years, married three times, around the world four times, a veteran of two East Indian wars, the Crimean war and the Civil war, C. A. Gordon, a trackman employed by the street car company, again took a bride, and an Easter bride at that. She is Mrs. Eva McCosch, aged 56 years, who has been keeping house for him for the last several months. Their combined age is 142 years.

Neither is Mrs. McCosch an amateur in the game of love, since she has had two husbands, from both of whom she has received divorce.

Gordon has had a remarkable career. He comes of a good English family and served for several years in the English army in India. He was married the first time at the age of 15 years, and has been married twice since that time, all three of his wives having died. He has been in Colorado Springs since 1887, having been in this country since 1858. Although 86 years he does not look to be more than 70, and is as active as a man much younger.

SEEING A SIXTH DIVORCE.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 20.—Grace Snell Love, daughter of the late millionaire A. J. Snell, of Chicago, and who has figured in six matrimonial ventures, marrying and divorcing three times Franc Nixon Coffin, now residing in this city, has filed a suit for divorce from Hugh M. Love. She alleges in addition to cruelty, no support and neglect.

This is the sixth time in which Mrs. Love has figured in the divorce courts. She was married at sixteen in Chicago to Franc Nixon Coffin in 1884, and was divorced ten years later. In 1898 the couple were again married, and divorced the following year. A month later Mrs. Coffin was married to a man named Walker, and was divorced from him in 1901. In the same year Oct. 17, she again remarried Franc Nixon Coffin in this city, and the two went to Catalina on their honeymoon. A quarrel arose while they were staying on the island. They were divorced in less than a month.

DISARMING THE MOORS

San Francisco, April 20.—Army officers on the Buford, which arrived yesterday from the islands, bring news of serious uprisings in Mindanao and spasms of guerrilla warfare between the whites, the settlers and the natives.

"The natives have fired on the whites," said Col. F. W. Mansfield of the Second infantry, who is in charge of the troops that arrived on the Buford, "and we have ended the trouble for the time. But another outbreak may come at any minute."

Capt. Charles H. Muir of the Second infantry spent some time in the Moro country quelling the natives, and the campaign there was a trying one. The natives, he said, fight as did the North American Indians, and it takes many weeks of scouting and hard work to bring them to terms.

"I do not know," said Colonel Mansfield, "how many natives will be concerned in a new outbreak, but the trouble will be of short duration, if that I am sure."

GREAT FOREST FIRE ENDANGERS BOULDER

Boulder, Colo., April 20.—A large forest fire is raging on the mountain behind the Colorado sanitarium, about half a mile beyond the boundaries of the city. No damage is anticipated unless a heavy west wind should drive the flames to the city, in which case the result will be serious.

A. F. OF L. TO FORM PARTY

Representatives of Organized Labor to Act Independently

New York, April 20.—More than 2,000,000 organized working men in the United States, through their chosen representatives, yesterday declared their political emancipation.

They will be independent politically in all that the word implies.

They will vote for their friends and against their enemies, no matter what the office to be filled, from the presidency of the United States down to the smallest office in the gift of the people.

This remarkable overturning of all precedents was caused by the failure of congress to enact legislation that will give labor the relief made necessary by recent supreme court decisions.

Special meetings were held in every city in the United States at the request of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor and officials of 150 national labor unions declared that until the working men exercised their political power in the right direction such legislation as is necessary to protect labor could not be wrung from congress.

The action means that labor has cut itself loose from the old parties and will use every effort to defeat any candidate for president, United States Senate, congress, state legislatures and all other offices whose record shows that he has voted against or placed obstacles in the way of remedial legislation for labor.

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